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Fight for Foreign Aid— Sparkman Would Lead

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WASHINGTON.

Sen. John J. Sparkman, D., Ala., said yesterday he will lead the Senate fight for President Johnson's \$3.38 billion foreign aid bill if Sen. J. William Fulbright, D., Ark., continues to refuse the assignment.

Sen. Sparkman, who ranks next to Chairman Fulbright on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the program "is a committee responsibility," and it was his obligation to manage the bill on the floor unless Sen. Fulbright changes his mind.

At the same time, Sen. Wayne Morse, D., Ore., announced his support for a House-voted ban on further shipments of surplus farm commodities to President Gamal Abdel Nasser's United Arab Republic.

Sen. Morse said in a Senate speech that "when Col. Nasser spit in the eye of the United States," the Egyptian leader himself terminated a 1962 agreement under which surplus commodities were sold to the UAR for Egyptian currencies.

He referred to a speech by Col. Nasser last month saying the UAR does not need America's money and in effect telling this country it can "go to hell."

Sen. Morse spoke out as



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the Administration continued an all-out drive to overturn the House action, which Secretary of State Dean Rusk said Wednesday amounted to usurpation of the President's authority to deal with Col. Nasser.

Sen. Fulbright repeated Wednesday the stand he had disclosed several weeks ago—that he would not steer the bill through the Senate unless drastic changes were made in the program.

His principal demand was that the economic and military phrases of the programs

be covered in separate authorization bills. But this ran into opposition from the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Sen. Sparkman said he is generally sympathetic with Sen. Fulbright's views, "and I think a majority of the committee is."

In the House, the already weakened grip of Rep. Otto E. Passman D., La., on foreign aid appropriations was loosened further by a reshuffling of the membership on House Appropriations subcommittees.

Subcommittee assignments announced by the Appropriations Committee chairman, Rep. George H. Mahon, D., Tex., left Rep. Passman as head of the foreign aid subcommittee, but cut deeply into his strength. Rep. Passman long has been a leading Congressional foe of big foreign aid appropriations.

The new subcommittee apparently will have a built-in majority against cuts. It will consist of 9 instead of 11 members. Two of those who supported Rep. Passman's efforts to cut foreign aid last year have been assigned to other subcommittees. A third, Rep. Gerald R. Ford, Mich., resigned from the committee when he became House Republican leader.